

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
NEW DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT
MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Marine Corps Order 5090.2, the U.S. Marine Corps gives notice that a Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for environmental impacts associated with additional land area needed for construction, operation, and maintenance of a new drinking water treatment plant and ancillary infrastructure improvements at Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, California (hereinafter referred to as the "Combat Center"). The SEA expands Alternative 1 from the 2018 Environmental Assessment to include 98.82 additional acres (39.99 hectares) of impact. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure continued availability of safe, regulatory compliant potable water for Marines, civilian personnel, and on-base residents and to sustain the Combat Center's mission. The Proposed Action is needed because the Combat Center has been reliant on a single groundwater source (Surprise Springs Aquifer) to provide all potable water for over 60 years. This reliance is not sustainable and requires the use of an additional aquifer (Deadman) to reduce overdrafting of the Surprise Springs Aquifer. The Final SEA evaluated the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Action on the following resource areas: biological resources cultural resources, and air quality.

The Final SEA and FONSI are available for review at <https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-offices/Environmental-Affairs/>. Copies of the Final SEA and FONSI are also available for review at: Yucca Valley Public Library, Twentynine Palms Branch Library, and the Joshua Tree Public Library.